

pounding and sale of the animals mentioned in section fourteen of this act, found running at large in the streets contrary to the ordinances of the town: *Provided*, that no animal shall be sold without first being advertised for five days at the court-house door and two other public places in the said town; all strays to be taken and duly advertised to be sold at public auction at the court-house door: the proceeds to be applied, first, to the payment of the fine and keeping, advertising and selling said animal; the balance, if any, to be paid to the owner of said animal, if known; if the owner be not known and no claim for the same be set up and established to the satisfaction of the mayor within thirty days after said sale, the money to be turned over to the treasurer of the town for the benefit of the same; and the mayor is hereby empowered to make title to all such strays after having fulfilled the requirements of this section.

Proviso: sale to be advertised.

Strays to be taken and advertised.

Proceeds applied.

SEC. 16. That the board of aldermen shall have power and authority to levy and collect a special tax, not exceeding fifty dollars, upon every circus company for each separate exhibition within the town: upon every person or company exhibiting within the town limits, dogs or theatrical plays, sleight-of-hand performance, rope or wire dancing or tumbling and menageries, and the exhibition, for reward, of artificial models or curiosities (models of useful inventions excepted), a tax not to exceed fifteen dollars for each separate exhibition: said tax to be paid before the exhibition or the same may be doubled; upon any other exhibition for reward not enumerated above, five dollars for each exhibition: *Provided*, that this act shall not apply to exhibitions by amateur companies when said exhibition is for a religious or charitable object: *Provided further*, that the board of aldermen are authorized to remit the whole or any part of the taxes allowed in this section upon good and satisfactory cause being shown to them by the exhibitor: *Provided further*, that the tax collector, in case of a failure on the part of any of the exhibitors above specified to pay said tax before exhibiting, shall, immediately after the exhibition closes, demand from said exhibitors, the manager or treasurer, if he or she be known and can be found, if not, any member of the company, double the amount of the tax; and if it be not paid he shall immediately levy upon any of the goods or property belonging to said company, or any of them, or which was used in the exhibition or exhibitions given by them.

Tax on circus, plays, etc.

Proviso: amateur exhibitions for religious and charitable purposes excepted.

Proviso: aldermen may remit tax.

Double tax if not paid before exhibition.

Collection by distress.

SEC. 17. That the board of aldermen shall have power and authority to levy and collect a special license tax on every person who sells, either on the streets, from wagons or from houses, as a business, any fresh meat for consumption in the town: *Provided*, that this shall not apply to any merchant who pays his regular tax and who purchases said meat in the course of his regular business.

Tax on meat sellers.

Proviso: not to apply to regular merchants.